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For: ATM NETWORK SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING UPI FOR USER
DEVICES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the filing date. No fee is due.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A3 through A5 were referenced in a Japanese Office Action that issued February 18, 2000. Document A1 is a United States Patent that is a counterpart to document A3, which is a laid-open Japanese patent application. Document A2 is a United States Patent that is a counterpart to document A4, which is a laid-open Japanese patent application.

Document A3 relates to an ISDN packet transmission system, which has a unit that assigns virtual path and virtual channel identifiers with respect to a call from a terminal. The Japanese Office Action asserts that this document describes releasing.

Document A4 relates to assigning a virtual path and a virtual channel identifier in an ATM network. The Japanese Office Action asserts that this document describes the assignment of VPI and VCI using user requests.

Document A5 relates to a data terminal equipment connection to an ATM switching network. The Japanese Office Action lists this document as Prior Art Literature, and does not provide any detailed comments as to its relevance.

Applicants' statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicants' representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicants with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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